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KOCHIA AMERICANA **RED SAGE**

Red Sage is a perennial with a woody base and simple or branched stems that are up 10-50 cm high. The alternate, fleshy, linear leaves are 5-25 mm long. Foliage is smooth to long-hairy. Small clusters of 2-5 tiny, sessile flowers are borne in the axils of the upper leaves. The 5 hairy calyx lobes are 1-2 mm long, surround the ovary and 5 stamens, and completely cover the 1-seeded fruit. Petals are lacking. Flowering from June-August.

KOCHIA AMERICANA is an annual with flat leaves. Some species of *SUAEDA* are also subshrubs with linear, succulent leaves, but their flowers and leaves are glabrous.